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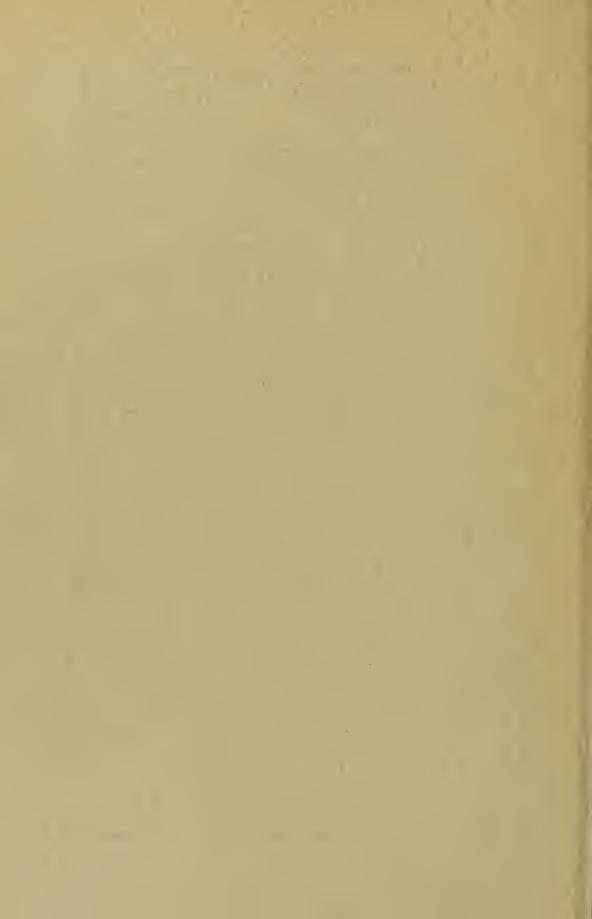
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DRONFIELD U.D.C.

Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1959.

The Registrar General has estimated the population of the district at 10,170 an increase of 670 on the previous year.

Once again the vital statistics are most satisfactory. The infantile mortality shows a slight decrease, 2 infantile deaths compared to 3 in 1958, and there were also 10 more births. Both the infantile deaths were due to congenital causes.

I take this opportunity to thank the Council and my colleagues for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

John R. Graham,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Area of District Population (Registrar General's Figure)	34	52 acres 10,170
Number of inhabited houses and caravans		10,170
in the District		3,238
Rateable Value		£97,062
Population (Registrar General's Figure		10,170
Live Births	\mathbf{M}	F
Total	93	108
Legitimate	88	108
Illegitimate	5	_
Rate per 1,000 Population		19.76
Illegitimate Live Births per cent		
of Total Live Births		2.49
Still Births	\mathbf{M}	\mathbf{F}_{-+}
Total	1	1
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate		_
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births		9.85
	M	F
Total Live and Still Births	94	109
Infant Deaths under 1 year		
Total	1	
Legitimate	1	
Illegitimate		
Infantile Mortality Rate	tha	4.07
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Bir	uns	4.97
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births		5.1
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000		0.1
Illegitimate Live Births		_
Nec-Natal Mortality Rate		
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total		
Live Births)		4.97
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate		2.01
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total		
Live Births)		4.97
Perinatal Mortality Rate		
(Still Births and Deaths under 1 week		
combined per 1,000 Total Live and		
Stirl Births)		14.78
Maternal Mortality (including Abortion) per		
1,000 live and still		0
Death Rate per 1,000 Living		10.62
Deaths from Measles, all ages		0
Deaths from Whooping Cough, all ages		0

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1959

Males	Fema	les	Total
Tuberculosis respiratory	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach;	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	0	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	s 0	3	3
Diabetes	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	7	16
Coronary disease, angina	11	8	19
Hypertension with heart disease	4	3	7
Other heart disease	4	12	16
Other circulatory disease	2	()	2
Influenza	0	1	1
Pneumonia	2	8	10
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Congenital malformations	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	2	10
Accidents (other than motor vehicle)	1	1	2
Suicide	1	()	1
Totals	57	51	108

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951

No action has been taken ouring the year but close contact is being kept with an elderly couple (brother and sister) and if conditions at this house do not improve it will be necessary to take action under the above Acts.

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS, 1959

	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	1		1
1—4 years			
5—14 years	_		
15-24 years			
25—39 years	2		2
40—59 years	10	5	15
60—69 yea rs	17	13	30
70—79 years	18	14	32
80—89 years	9	18	27
90 years and over	-	1	1
	57	51	108

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As in previous years the incidence of the ordinary infectious diseases is small. 52 cases of measles were notified but the cases were mild, only one case of scarlet fever was notified and no case of poliomyelitis.

Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified (1 male and 1 female) as compared with six the previous year.

Disease	Total Number Notified		
Smallpox	-	_	<u> </u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Diphtheria	_	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	nee .	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-
,, (Non-Paralytic)	-	-	
Pneumonia	10	3	10
Measles	52	1	-
Whoeping Cough	-	-	-
Dysentry	-	-	
Foed Poisoning	-		

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1948

Immunisation against Diphtheria

Record cards received during the year in respect of children immunised during that year (Primary immunisations only)

Age		
Under 1 year	 	95
1—4 years	 	42
5—14 years	 • • •	4
Total		141

TUBERCULOSIS RETURN FOR 1959

Age	NEW CASES				DEATHS				
Period			Non-				Non-		
in years	F	ulmoi	lmonary Pulmonary		Pu'mor	nary	Pulmo	nary	
	М.	F.	M.	F.	М.	F.	М.	F.	
Under 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
15–24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25-44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
45-34	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
65 & over	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Age Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL all ages	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	

TREATMENT CENTRE, POOLSBROOK.

Scabies.	Α	dults	5-15	under 5	Total
Bolsover U.D.C.		0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Borough	• • •	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield R.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Clay Cross U.D.C.	***	0	0	0	0
Clay Closs O.D.C.	• • •	0	0	0	0
Dronfield U.D.C.	• • •	0	0	0	0
Staveley U.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Staveley O.D.C.	***	0	0	0	0
			0	0	
Head Lice					
Bolsover U.D.C.		0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Borough	•••	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield R.D.C.	* * *	0	1	0	0
Clay Cross U.D.C.		0	0	0	0
Clowne R.D.C.	• • •	0	1	0	0
Dronfield U.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Staveley U.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
		0	2	0	0
Scabies with Vermino	us Ho	eads			
Bolsover U.D.C.		0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Borough	•••	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield R.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Clay Cross U.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Clowne R.D.C.	•••	0	0	0	0
Dronfield U.D.C.		0	ů	0	0
Staveley U.D.C.		0	0	0	0
,		0	0	0	0
Diagnosis not confirm Miscellaneous	ed	1 0	(Chester	field R.D.C	C.)
Pediculosis		0			
Pediculosis Pubis		0			
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Eric M. Housecroft, M.A.P.H.I.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1959

Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my Report on the work of the Health Department during the year 1959.

MCUSING ACT

SLUM CLEARANCE

The following gives details of the unfit houses dealt with and progress made:—

- 102 Hill Top Road, Dronfield. Represented 17th November, 1958.
 - Demolition Order dated 23rd November, 1959.
- 61-62 Sheffield Road, Dronfield. Represented 17th November, 1958.

 Offered for sale to Council and no demolition order made. Offer to purchase accepted.
- 19-21 Links Road, Dronfield. Represented 17th November, 1958.
- 41-43 Holmley Lâne, Dronfield. Represented 16th March, 1959.
 22nd June, 1959, Owners' representative offered to give undertaking, etc., when the present tenants had been rehoused, the premises would not be let for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for this purpose.

- Sheffield Road Clearance Order No. 9/1958. Represented 21st July, 1958. Local Authority accept offer of owner to give the Houses and Land to the Council, 16th March, 1959.
- Hallowes Lane Clearance Order No. 12/1958. Confirmed without modification, 9th January, 1959.
- Stubley Hollow Clearance Order No. 10/1958. Confirmed without modification, 9th January, 1959.
- 83 Lea Road, Dronfield. Represented 26th January, 1959. Individual Unfit. Closing Order approved 22nd June, 1959, and served 4th January, 1960.
- 18 School Lane, Dronfield. Represented 26th January, 1959. Individual Unfit. Closing Order approved 21st December, 1959.
- Chesterfield Road Clearance Order No. 15/1959. Represented 22nd June, 1959; this consisted of 24 separate living accommodations holding 29 families and 90 people. This Order was confirmed without modification on the 27th November, 1959, and will become valid on the 15th January, 1960.
- 29 Eckington Road, Coal Aston. Represented 21st December, 1959. Individual Unfit House.
- Wesley Cottage, Snape Hill, Dronfield. Represented 21st December, 1959. Individual Unfit House.
- 172 and 174 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield. Represented 21st December, 1959. Individual Unfit Houses.

REHOUSING

Contracts were let for the erection of 100 dwellings consisting of 30-1 bedroom Bungalows, 20-2 bedroom flats and 50-3 bedroom houses. 80 dwellings are earmarked for rehousing people from condemned properties, the other 20 dwellings to be used for general need hous-ing.

Towards the end of 1959 a number of dwellings were completed and keys were handed to 10 families for the first Bungalows—the actual tenancy date being the 4th January, 1960:

There is no doubt that some of these people moving from rents as low as 6/6d. per week are going to feel the new bungalow rents of £1 9 3d. per week quite a pinch.

New house building in the district is still going ahead as the following table shows:—

		Local Authority	Private, Enterprise Houses
1946	• • •	50	19
1947		76	31
1948		99	12
1949		49	15
1950		6	10
1951		24	6
1952		40	8
1953		4	43
1954	•••	28	53
1955		44	129
1956		10	193
1957		64	181
1958	• • •	-	217
1959	• • •	10	238
			
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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

- **65 Hill Top Road, Dronfield**—approved a 25% grant towards this work on a figure of £392—work satisfactorily carried out.
- 34 Eckington Road, Coal Aston—application refused on grounds that the proposed improvements are not "improvements" within the meaning of the Act.
- 22nd June, 1959: "West Bank", 15 Eckington Road, Coal Aston—Standard Grant approved for all items A, B, C.D.E.
- 66 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield—Standard Grant approved for items A, B, C.
- 36 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield—Standard Grant approved for items A, B. C, D. Work satisfactorily carried out.
- 12th October, 1959: 21 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield—Standard Grant approved for items A, B, C, D—work satisfactorily completed.
- 97 Hill Top Road, Dronfield—Grant approved in 1958. Work completed satisfactorily, Minute No. 314/222, 1959-60.
- 9th November, 1959: 9 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield—Standard Grant approved in respect of A, B, C, D, E.
- 10 Wilson Street, Dronfield—Standard Grant approved in respect of A, B, C, D, E, subject to certain repair work being carried out.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Two sets of instruments are in use for measuring the Soot deposit and Sulphur in the atmosphere.

The readings for 1959 are set out below:-

LEA ROAD 1959	Soot Deposit Tons per sq. ml.	Rainfall in inches	Sulphur
January	10.93	2.56	2.43
February	7.45	0.16	1.92
March	16.30	1.54	1.01
April	14.08	3.23	1.35
May	14.11	1.30	1.52
June	15.07	0.87	0.87
July	10.37	1.26	1.07
August	10.76	0.87	0.91
September	10,83	0.05	1.15
October	13.78	2.05	1.30
November	11.39	3.68	1.54
December	11.79	4.02	1.58
	146.86	21.99	
CALLYWHITE LANE 1959			
January	7.35	2.68	1.97
February	4.43	0.14	1.50
March	8.12	1.69	1.48
April	10.60	3:51	1.13
May	8.93	1.02	1.18
June	19.97	0.79	0.82
July	10.57	1.30	0.77
August	3.96	0.75	0.73
September	31,04	0.04	0.86
October	17.72	2.09	1.05
November	12.32	3.78	1.29
December	10.74	3.98	1.24
	145.75	21.77	

The rainfall over the year and particularly June to September was exceptionally low for this area. The figures for the Callywhite Lane deposit gauge are very high indeed during June, July, September and October, and were due to two reasons, firstly the very low rainfall, and secondly, and by far the greater reason, building construction work was being carried out on the site en-

tailing the removal of large quantities of overburden by heavy lorries which passed very near to the instruments, this caused clouds of very fine dust—hence the high solids content.

In accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circulars Nos. 5/59 and 13/59, suggested Smoke Control Areas to cover the whole of the Urban District in 8 years were submitted to the Council and the proposals approved in principle. With the ever-increasing work which is falling on the Health Department the possibility of attaining the target in 8 years is very much a pipe dream, unless additional staff is provided.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection and disposal together with the collection of a certain amount of Trade Waste is done with 12 men full time and 2 men part time.

The vehicles used full time are:-

- A. Dennis 10 Cubic yard side loader purchased on the 24th June, 1946.
- B. Dennis 7 Cubic yard side loader purchased on the 10th May, 1952, and
- C. Karrier Bantam—open lorry purchased on the 26th March, 1959, used on a part time basis.

During the year under review sick payments to workmen cost £100 8 10d. and we lost 134 working days.

Due to a recession in trade the bottom dropped right out of the market in respect of salvageable metals, i.e. empty tin cans, and the waste paper turnover was handicapped by a quota restriction.

The figures below show the position:-

	T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	£	s. d.
Waste Paper	152	6	1	8	1436	2 10
Scrap tins	16	2	2	0	10 1	7 9
Scrap Iron	3	8	1	-	16 1	0 1
Rubber	-	6	3	-	1	0 3
Textiles	2	7	3	0	16	4 3
Non-Ferrous	_	4	-	13	17 1	4 1
	174	15	2	21	1498	9 3

The Salvage Bonus paid to the Refuse Teams totalled £281 10 2d.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947-52

Two registrations were approved:-

- (a) Doris Ayre, 2 Cemetery Road, Dronfield.
- (b) Edward and Kathleen May Fulbrook, 1 Barnes Lane, Dronfield.

MEAT INSPECTION

200 Sheep Carcases and 1 Calf were inspected after slaughter.

Six sheep organs were condemned—a total weight of $14\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1349-1954

12 Licences were granted under the above regulations.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-1953

14 Licences were granted under the above regulations.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 and the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

Six Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed during the year:—

Leonard Fisher
Harold Scott Fisher
Lindley White
Arthur White
Francis Harry Haslam
William Cartledge
Donald James Fisher

The licences to remain in force until the 31st December, 1959.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

One Slaughterhouse Licence was issued during the year to Mr Harold Scott Fisher for the Bk. of 51 Scarsdale Road, Dronfield.

WATER SUPPLIES

37 samples of drinking water were taken and submitted for Bacteriological examination, of these three were reported as unsatisfactory, two being samples from shallow wells. Appropriate action was taken and the possibility of piped supplies to the three premises concerned is being investigated.

There are only 4 houses in the Urban District Area without a piped supply of water inside the house, and one of these has a stand pipe about 150 yards from the house.

One Bungalow had a piped supply of water put in during the latter part of the year.

FREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All the Local Authority properties are kept under close supervision—other premises are inspected on complaint, and we have (with the limited labour force available) attempted to carry out routine inspections from time to time.

We had no major infestations during the year under review.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928-1936

Licences were granted as follows:—		
1. Henry Boot & Sons, Ltd.	500 ga	allons
2. Burnett & Hallamshire Fuels, Ltd.	500	,,
3. Dronfield U.D.C.	500	* 7
4. Derbyshire Fire Service	500	22
5. L. J. Hooley & Son, Ltd.	2000	17
6. E. D. Taylor	1500	27
7. Derbyshire County Council	500	22
8. John Carr & Co. (Dronfield) Ltd.	500	,,
9. H. Hobson	1500	49
10. J. V. Ronkesley	500	22
11. Wm. Preswich & Sons, Ltd.	2000	,,
12. Wm. Gunstone & Sons, Ltd.	3000	,,
13. Slator Bros.	20	,,
14. Joy-Sullivan, Ltd.	100	,,
15. Wm. Outram & Sons	1000	,,
16. Padley & Venables Ltd.	1000	49

Total 15620 gallons

Three Licences were not renewed one changed to Diesel and the other two went out of use.

The Dronfield Urban District Council Licence was cancelled as a result of a test on the storage tank which showed the tank to be defective.

One new Licence was issued.

FUBLIC CONVENIENCE

Tenders were received at the Health Committee Meeting on the 26th January, 1959, when it was resolved that a tender be accepted for the construction of a new Ladies' and Gentlemen's Public Convenience—BUT circumstances arose which have resulted in this work being held up—apparently indefinitely—HYGIENE???

RECORD OF VISITS DURING 1959

Alleged dirty houses		• • •	• • •	•••	•••	7
Alterations to existin	g prop	erty	•••	• • •	• • •	71
Bakehouses and Food				• • •	• • •	66
Caravans	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	•••	5
Cesspools		• • •			• • •	28
Choked drains	•••	•••		•••	• • •	117
Clean Air Act		• • •	• * •	•••	• • •	75
Conversions of privy				closets		7
Council house mainte			•••	• • •		689
Clerk's department	•••	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	52
Drains—defective	• • •	• • •		• • •	• • •	70
Drains tested				•••		40
New drains	•••		• • •	• • •	•••	6
TS 13.1		•••		• • •	•••	220
Factories		• • •	• • •	• • •		46
Flooded cellars	•••	•••	• • •			21
		•••				177
Housing defects gene		• • •		•••	• • •	89
Ice cream manufactu						11
Infectious diseases ar				• • •	• • •	24
Improvement Grants					• • •	61
Interviews with build					• • •	11
28.001 2.1		•••	• • •	•••		55
Milk and Dairies		****		• • •	•••	4
Nuisance from poulti	y, etc.			4 + 4	• • •	23
National Assistance						10
Offensive smells		•••	• • •	•••		24
Petroleum Licences			• • •	• • •	***	30
Places of entertainm	ent	• • •	•••	•••	• • •	7
~ 1 × 1						3
Public Convenience			• • •	• • •		3
Rats						342
Refuse collection and		ge	• • •	• • •		165
Rent Act, 1957	0.7.	•••			• • •	10
Schools					* * *	5
Shops	• • •	• • •		• • •	• • •	13
Sinks, defective	• • •		• • •	• • •		5
Sink wastes choked		• • •	• • •		•••	1
Slaughterhouses	• • •		• • •			62
Water closet defects		• • •		• • •	• • •	25
Water supplies		•••	• • •	•••		31
Water sampling			• • •			58

WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1959

Burst water pipes repaired		• • •	•••	• • •	2
Ceiling plaster repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Chimney Stacks repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Choked drains cleared	• • •		• • •	• • •	20
Choked drains—number of	pre	mises aft	fected	• • •	54
Conversion	• • •	• • •	• • •		1
Defective drains repaired		• •	• • •	• • •	2
New eaves spouts fixed and	d re	epaired	• • •	• • •	48 ft.
Fireplaces repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	2
House paths repaired	• • •	• •	• • •	• • •	1
House doors repaired	• • •	***	• • •	• • •	2
House roofs repaired	• • •			• • •	5
New bathrooms provided	• • •			•••	3
New drains constructed	• • •			301' (
			and	1 90'6	
New dustbins supplied	***	• • •	***	• • •	99
New fireplaces fitted	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	_ 1
New lavatory basins	•••	• • •	•••	•••	3
New manholes constructed		. • •	• • •	• • •	4
Manholes repaired	•••	• • •	• • •	• • •	3
New sinks fixed	• • •	• • •	• • •		3
New trapped gullies fixed	•••		•••	• • •	6
New water closets provided	d	• • •	•••	***	10
New soil water pipes		• • •	• • •		24 ft,
Ventilation Shafts repaired	or	new			44 ft.
Sink waste pipes repaired	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1
Water closets repaired	• • •	* * *	• • •	• • •	7
Water supplies renewed		• • •	• • •	***	4
Wallplaster repaired	•••		•••	• • •	2
Windows repaired and rene	wec	i	• • •	•••	3

E. M. HOUSECROFT, M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector.





